

Directors Institute – 25 Years of Excellence

Monday, September 22				
Time	Activity			
7:30 - 8:15	Conference Registration			
7:30 - 8:15	Breakfast—Event Center			
8:15 - 8:30	Welcome—Angela Denning, Deputy Associate Superintendent—Exceptional Student Services			
8:30 - 9:30	Keynote: “Leadership for Improving Results and Closing Gaps” Dr. Melody Musgrove, Director of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)			
9:30 - 10:00	Break, Vendor/Exhibitor Area Open—Solana E			
Time	Session Title	Room	Presenter	
10:00–11:10	Tier 2 Systems of Positive Behavioral Support	Cira A	Dr. Chris Borgmeier	
	From Research to Practice: Video Modeling and Autism	Cira B	Dr. Teresa Cardon	
	Preschool—Social Skills and the Brain	Cira C	Nicol Russell	Lauren Zbyszinski
	Rubric-Based Evaluations of Psychologists’ Job Performance	Aurora ABCD	Todd Liolios	
	Questions & Answers: RDA and the SSIP	Solana A	Dr. Melody Musgrove	Angela Denning
	Move On When Reading: The Who, What, When, and How to Implement	Solana B	Sherry Zeeb	Mary Wennersten
	Rules Committee Panel	Solana CD	Rules Committee	
	NCSC Instructional Supports: Get Polished!	Solana FG	Cynthia Roller	Audra Ahumada
	Writing Strategy Instruction with SRSD	Solana H	Karen Harris	Dr. Steve Graham
	Examining Practices: A New Beginning	Solana I	Ann Brusca Cathie Devers	Lisa Kunz Marge Rehberg
11:10–11:30	Break, Vendors/Exhibitors—Solana E			
11:30–12:30	Lunch — Event Center			
12:30–1:40	Tier 3 Positive Behavioral Support: Building Capacity for Effective Intervention	Cira A	Dr. Chris Borgmeier	
	Autism: Where Are We Now?	Cira B	Dr. Teresa Cardon	
	Preschool—Understanding Challenging Behavior	Cira C	Nicol Russell	Lori Masseur
	Transition Plans: From Kickball to Career	Aurora ABCD	Andi Asel	
	Reducing Seclusions and Restraints with PBIS	Solana A	Dr. Dan Davidson	
	AZCCRS and Special Education: They Do Mix!	Solana B	Audra Ahumada	Dr. Sandra Laine
	IDEA Federal Special Education Funding and Oversight	Solana CD	Connie Hill	
	Disability Benefits 101—Transitional Tool	Solana FG	Marianne Marts	
	Evidence-Based Writing Practices	Solana H	Dr. Steve Graham	
	Building LEA’s Capacity for IDEA Compliance	Solana I	Susan Smith Beth Jahsman	AnnMarie Short Theresa Samuelian Dr. Jane Mullins
1:40–2:00	Break			

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2:00–3:10	Maximize Your Investment: District Leadership to Support and Sustain School-wide PBIS	Cira A	Dr. Chris Borgmeier Amber Burwell	Joni Cesario
	From Research to Practice: Video Modeling and Autism	Cira B	Dr. Teresa Cardon	
	Preschool—Reading in Early Childhood	Cira C	Lauren Zbyszinski Nicol Russell	
	Everyone Counts, Everyone In: AZ's Revised Post School Outcomes Survey Requirement	Aurora ABCD	Darleen Sithole Jan Cawthorne	Lorrie Sheehy
	Data to Diamonds: Mining for Richer Outcomes	Solana A	Travis Sherbourne Dr. Jennifer Huber	Lisa Abbett Teresa Kirkman
	Teacher Evaluation: Implications for Special Educators	Solana B	Dr. Lisa Aaroe Virginia Stodola	Audra Ahumada
	Keys to Success in Data Management	Solana CD	Nicole Armstrong	Peggy Staples
	Computer-Based Assessment Technology-General Information and Technology Targeting Special Populations	Solana FG	Margaret Bowerman Patricia Reynolds	Ann Gortarez
	Evidence-Based Writing Practices	Solana H	Dr. Steve Graham	
	Promoting Social Inclusion on Campus	Solana I	Special Olympics Arizona State Youth Activation Committee	Lisa Ball

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Tuesday, September 23			
Time	Activity		
7:00–8:00	Conference Registration		
7:00–8:00	Breakfast—Event Center		
8:00–8:30	Welcome and Information		
8:30–9:00	Arizona Department of Education—Superintendent John Huppenthal		
9:00–10:00	Keynote: “MTSS: Connecting School Climate, Behavior Support, Disability, and Academic Success” Dr. George Sugai, Co-Director—OSEP Center on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports		
10:00–10:15	Break		
Time	Session Title	Room	Presenter
10:15–11:30	What’s Social Thinking Got to Do with the Common Core Standards?	Cira AB	Michelle Garcia Winner
	Special Education Law: A Year in Review	Solana ABCD	Art Cernosia
	Establishing and Maintaining a Positive Behavior Climate in Non-Classroom Settings	Solana FGHI	Dr. George Sugai
11:30–12:30	Lunch—Event Center		
11:30–12:30	SEAA Luncheon—Aurora ABCD		
12:30–1:45	Exploring Social Thinking Strategies to Help Self-Regulation in the Classroom, as Well as Support PBIS	Cira AB	Michelle Garcia Winner
	Stump the Attorney: Questions and Answers	Solana ABCD	Art Cernosia
	Considering Culture and Context to Improve MTSS Implementation and Outcomes	Solana FGHI	Dr. George Sugai
1:45–2:00	Break—No Refreshments		
2:00 – 3:15	Why Can’t All Kids with Social Skill Challenges Be Treated in the Same Social Skills Group?	Cira AB	Michelle Garcia Winner
	Bullying and Students with Disabilities: Legal and Policy Issues	Solana ABCD	Art Cernosia
	MTSS and MTBF: Considerations for Increasing Implementation Fidelity, Sustainability, and Impact	Solana FGHI	Dr. George Sugai
3:15–4:15	Vendor Appreciation—Solana E Refreshments		

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Wednesday, September 24				
Time	Activity			
7:00–8:00	Conference Check-In			
7:00–8:00	Breakfast—Event Center			
8:00–8:15	Break			
Time	Session Title	Room	Presenter	
8:15–9:25	MTSS/RTI in SLD Identification and Behavior Support	Cira A	Melissa De Vries	Celeste Nameth
	The Director’s Cut: Assessment to Implementation	Cira B	Mary Keeney Ann Gortarez	Bruce Kennedy
	Transition from Part C—Early Intervention	Cira C	Kathy Coloma	Millie Archer
	A Year in Data Collection—Part I (Admin. Assistant Session)	Aurora ABCD	Peggy Staples	Nicole Armstrong
	Classroom Walk-Through Instrument-Autism	Solana A	Suzanne Perry	Amanda Ritz
	Results-Driven Accountability Update	Solana B	Angela Denning	Lisa Yencarelli
	Transition Plans and ECAPs	Solana CD	Kay Schreiber	Andi Asel
	Working with Sensory Impairments-ASDB Regional Cooperatives	Solana FG	Bill Koehler	
	NCSC Alternate Assessment: Shine On	Solana H	Audra Ahumada	Cynthia Roller
	We Can Work it Out	Solana I	Kacey Gregson	
9:00–4:00	Dispute Resolution Training (Invited Attendees Only)	Asteria Boardroom	Art Cernosia	
9:25–9:50	Break			
9:50–11:00	Raising Student Achievement for Students with Disabilities	Cira A	Melissa De Vries	Oran Tkatchov
	Free for All- Budget Friendly AT	Cira B	Mary Keeney Ann Gortarez	Bruce Kennedy
	AzEIP—Fast Facts	Cira C	Maureen Casey	
	A Year in Data Collection—Part II (Admin. Assistant Session)	Aurora ABCD	Peggy Staples	Nicole Armstrong
	You Can’t Spell Executive Function Without FUN!	Solana A	Audra Ahumada	Lisa Abbett
	State Systemic Improvement Plan Focus Group	Solana B	Angela Denning	Lisa Yencarelli
	Success in RDA Is Spelled with LETRS	Solana CD	Dr. Sandra Laine	Delsey Benally
	Compliance Is Not Going Away	Solana FG	Diane McCormick Chris Lane	Bob Fitzsimmons Kim Lipp
	Welcome Back! A Successful LRE Transition	Solana H	Paul Thiessen	Garen Austin
	Journey to an Inclusive School	Solana I	Susan Shooter	Kimberly Rice
11:00–11:15	Break			
11:15–12:15	Grab and Go Lunch—Event Center			